The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on July 11, 2018 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other council members present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Dave Firn, Stephanie Middleton, Judy Voet and Vippy Yee; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilperson Bob Siwicki was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the June 13, 2018 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Growing Greener project is moving forward. The Boy Scouts have done their invasives removal work and Weeds, Inc. is coming in August to spray the knotweed once again prior to planting.

Natural Lands Trust has been working with representatives from Rose Valley Borough, Nether Providence Township, Rutledge Borough and Swarthmore Borough to develop the Multi-municipal Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan. This plan can be viewed by going to the Borough’s EAC website – http://rosevalleyeac.org. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution 7 – 2018 was approved stating that the Plan and related materials are acceptable to the Borough of Rose Valley and that the Plan and related materials will be used to guide future recreation and conservation decisions.

Council discussed having a “Welcome to Rose Valley” sign on Pew Park. Mrs. Healy will look into a design for the sign.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

Engineer Matt Houtmann is working on obtaining approval from PennDOT for the Borough’s 2018 Road Work which includes milling and repaving of all of Longpoint Lane, plus minor work elsewhere in the Borough.

Ms. Yee asked that any photographs taken at the Fourth of July celebration to be sent to her so that they could be posted on the Borough’s website.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Voet reported that the Library is exploring fund raising ideas. The HVAC project is approved and awaiting the arrival of the new equipment. A Mahjong group is starting soon. Prof. Deutsch will be speaking on Mindful Cooking on July 24.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police report for May cited the following incidents: 5 false alarms; 8 patrol checks of 5 Old Mill Lane; an incident of identity theft on 5/5/18 at 11 N. Long Point Lane; and a report of a suspicious person on Todmorden Lane on 5/31/18. The Police report for June cited the following incidents: 6 false alarms; a request for assistance on 6/1/18 at 1 Wychwood Lane; a request for assistance on 6/7/18 at 19 Forestview Road; and a theft/window breaking on 6/30/18 at the Rose Valley Swimming Pool. The Police report for July to date cites the following incidents: 3 false alarms; a report of theft at the Rose Valley Swimming Pool on 7/2/18; and an identity theft on 7/5/18 at 3 N. Longpoint Lane. The Fire Report noted a response to the activation of an automatic fire alarm on 6/2/18 at 23 Briarcrest Drive.

Mrs. DeMasi has investigated the purchase of two new 120 volt AC speed display devices from All Traffic Solutions Inc and contacted Charles Higgins, the Borough's street light electrician to inquire about installation costs. After discussion, Council approved moving forward on purchasing two speed display devices with the Traffic Suite reporting App on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds for June, 2018. He then went over the Income Reports for June, 2018. Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval for July and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $12,509.14 were approved.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton announced that there will be a meeting of the Planning Commission on August 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Mill.

On motions made, seconded and unanimously passed, the following Resolutions were approved:

Resolution 10 – 2018 appointing Scott Laughlin as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board beginning 7/11/18 and ending 12/31/20.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer read the following report from Uncle Sam into the record:

It Was a Great Day in Rose Valley!
Thank you for making our 2018 July 4th Celebration one of the Best Ever! Special thanks to Bill Hale, President of Borough Council; Mike Dixon, Chair of the Rose Valley Swimming Pool Board; Paula Healy, Borough Manager; and to State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky who led our Pledge to Allegiance. Thanks to Vince Deery and his hard working staff that provided guards and had the pool in excellent shape. The pool was beautifully decorated before the parade by a loyal crew including Mina Varney, Karen Johnson, Janet Goldstein, and Cynthia McPhearson who turned the scene into a Red-White-and-Blue panorama. All-around helpers included Gail and Bill Hale, Marge and Dave Firn, Bob and Paula Healy, Tim and Margee Hanford. At the train station parade assembly site, Boy Scouts entertained bicyclers with an obstacle course. Balloons were delivered by Marge Firn and Gail Hale. The parade started off with Boy Scouts from RV Troop 272 led by Scoutmaster John Traverso. There were wailing fire engines from South Media Fire Company; a mob from Hedgerow Theatre; antique cars driven by Marty Goldstein, Dennis and Michele Morris, Peter Dijstelbloem, and Jim Reid; a forest of decorated bicycles, wagons, scooters and walkers. Over 250 people stood for the Boy Scout flag raising, National Anthem (beautifully sung by Vippy Yee), and the Pledge of Allegiance. Uncle Sam provided a brief summary of the events leading up to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Our DJ kept everyone in a holiday mood. Games in the pool, ably led by Lacey Nolan again, were followed by a gorgeous picnic. Our faithful crew had cooked and wrapped 20 dozen hamburgers and as many hot dogs. Our guests formed two lines around tables overflowing with burgers and dogs, and donated salads and desserts. Perhaps the best part of the day was the neighborhood picnic that followed. Our sense of community was felt by everyone. Our list of loyal cooks, many of who have served faithfully year after year, included Mike Vartanian, Stu Ockman, John Neilson, and Anthony Ferruzzi. Wrappers and servers included Annette Bushmen, Deb DeMasi, Carol Dixon, Gail Hale, Paula Healy, Cynthia McPhearson and Mary Vartanian.

Please plan to attend our July 4, 2019 celebration. All Rose Valley residents, Rose Valley Pool members and their guests are invited.

Mr. Plummer also brought Council up to date regarding the Welcome to Rose Valley packets that will be given to new residents by the newly formed “Welcome Wagon” begin manned by Hope Thurlow in central Rose Valley and Allison Stoutland in Todmorden. A representative from Long Point will be appointed soon.

Ms. Yee volunteered to organize a coffee welcome reception for new residents.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date on the following subjects:

Fireworks- For years Pennsylvania only allowed people to buy what are known as "ground works, sparklers and novelties." Now, there is a new law which permits the sale of rockets, Roman candles, aerial spinners, etc. to the public. No municipal permit is required to buy, own or use these new fireworks.
Budget Preparation- September is the start of the budget preparation process. By December 31, the Borough Budget and the accompanying tax ordinance must be passed. Council must have a proposed budget at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the final budget, which must be available for inspection by the public for 10 consecutive days. There are numerous other resolutions dealing with fees, salaries and the schedule for dates of meetings that also must be passed.

Advertising- Regular meetings such as Council, EAC and Planning Commission scheduled for the upcoming year must be advertised. If there are any addition meetings that need to be held, they must be advertised once at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Hands-free Driving- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has a self driving vehicle policy task force in place which will be probably be presenting a report that includes proposed legislation on this subject in the near future.

Conservation Easement- Anne Marie and John Smith granted a conservation easement to the Borough which protects the wooded area above the RV Swimming Pool parking lot and tennis courts and ensures only one house will exist on their lot at the end of Applebough Lane.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary